

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338-E) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Concerning the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (Segments 4 through 11)

Application 07-06-031

PROTEST OF THE CITY OF CHINO

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For: Protestant, CITY OF CHINO

Dated: August 2, 2007

Thank you for providing the City of Chino an opportunity to comment on the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project No. A 07-06-031.

Based upon staff's review of the project, the City of Chino has the following comments:

Photo simulations were provided by Southern California Edison (SCE). Planning staff has determined the project will improve the right-of-way aesthetically by burying most of the existing power lines, removing several existing structures, and replacing other existing structures with new tubular steel poles.

The City is concerned about the exposure of adjacent neighborhoods to higher level of electromagnetic fields (EMF). SCE has indicated, however, that EMF concentrations at ground level will actually be less than existing conditions because the new towers are taller and further away from nearby homes. We would like the Public Utilities Commission to independently study this subject and confirm the SCE findings

SCE representatives have also informed City staff that the new transmission lines will generate new noise levels, which have not been studied. Therefore, the City believes a noise impact analysis is necessary to assess potential impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods.

Currently, there is a chain link fence around the perimeter of the Chino Substation. The City feels a block wall is necessary to adequately screen and secure the substation from development that has occurred around the substation during the last twenty years.

Thank you again for providing the City of Chino an opportunity to review and comment on the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project No A 07-06-031. For the reasons stated above, the City of Chino cannot support the project at this time

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (909) 591-9811.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Coe, AICP

Director of Community Development

Community Development Department File Brent Arnold, City Planner cc:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the **PROTEST OF THE CITY OF CHINO** in proceeding A 07-06-031 on the service list for A 07-06-031 by serving a copy to each party by electronic mail, or by mailing a properly addressed copy by first-class mail with postage prepaid to each party unable to accept service by electronic mail.

Executed on August 9, 2007, at Chino, California

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